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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0968

INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 2578

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EEWT, RP, UR

SUBJECT: PHILIPPINES APPROACHED TO SERVICE SOVIET FISHING FLEET

1. DON MANOLO ELIZALDE, HEAD OF WEALTHY MANILA INDUSTRIAL FAMILY WITH GOOD CONNNECTIONS IN SPAIN, TOLD ME FEBRUARY 27 THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY HEAD OF TABACALERA (OF BARCELONA) WITH INTERESTING PROPOSITION. HE SAID TABACALERA HAD PROFITABLE BUSINESS IN CANARY ISLANDS SERVICING SOVIET ATLANTIC FISHING FLEET. SOVIETS HAD APPROACHED TACABALERA ABOUT UNDERTAKING SIMILAR ACTIVITY FOR SOVIET PACIFIC FISHING FLEET IN PHILIPPINES. TABACALERA WAS INTERESTED IN THE BUSINESS, BUT DID NOT HAVE COMPETENT TECHNICAL STAFF OR EXPERIENCE IN PHILIPPINES. ELIZALDE WAS BEING OFFERED PARTNERSHIP FOR THIS ENTERPRISE, PRESUMABLY ON 60-40 BASIS WHICH CHARACTERIZES FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN PHILIPPINE VENTURES OF THIS TYPE.

2. ELIZALDE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OPERATION WOULD SERVICE  
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SOME 300 SOVIET FISHING VESSELS IN PORTS OF MANILA, CEBU,  
AND DAVAO. HE KNEW VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE POTENTIAL  
ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WOULD BE HANDLED BY TACACALERA DIRECTLY  
WITH MOSCOW. HE EXPECTED TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH PRESIDENT  
MARCOS MARCH 2 IN ORDER DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ANY  
OFFICIAL PHILIPPINE OBJECTION TO THIS SORT OF SERVICE. HE  
WANTED ME TO BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE SINCE HE ASSUMED U.S.  
GOVERNMENT ALWAYS HAD INTEREST IN SOVIET MARITIME ACTIVITY.  
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